

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING BEACHTRAN CLEARWATER, LLC AND THEIR PARTNER SKYTRAN, INC. IN THEIR EFFORT TO BRING INTO EXISTENCE THE FIRST AERIAL PERSONAL RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM TO OPERATE IN THE TAMPA BAY REGION AND DETERMINE WHAT FURTHER STEPS WILL BE NECESSARY TO ADVANCE THE CREATION OF A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE ELEVATED TRANSIT SYSTEM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Clearwater is home to the number one beach in the USA, attracting over 5.5 million visitors each year, contributing to traffic congestion on Memorial Causeway; and

WHEREAS, The City of Clearwater supports tourism and economic development and wishes to increase mobility options that will leverage transportation investments to benefit its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater recognizes a safe and efficient elevated transit system could help to reduce beach traffic congestion that will benefit Clearwater residents, its hospitality industry and our visitors; and

WHEREAS, BeachTran Clearwater LLC, is a Clearwater-based private enterprise dedicated to implementing smart, green and cost effective aerial personal rapid transit, and is introducing this new mode of elevated transportation to the Tampa Bay region; and

WHEREAS, BeachTran Clearwater LLC, believes that skyTran Inc. possesses the best technological solution, and that through a collaborative effort, BeachTran Clearwater LLC, and skyTran, Inc. together, can develop an automated, on-demand transportation system that will reduce traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, BeachTran Clearwater LLC, enjoys good working relationships with FDOT, TBARTA and other entities seeking solutions to regional traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, BeachTran Clearwater, LLC has proposed and is expected to commission at its sole expense the initial engineering studies necessary to design an optimal system between Downtown Clearwater and Clearwater Beach as the first phase of an expandable regional transit network; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Clearwater hereby recognizes and encourages BeachTran Clearwater LLC, and their partner skyTran, Inc. in their effort to bring into existence the first aerial personal rapid transit system to operate in the Tampa Bay region.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

George N. Cretekos
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Pamela K. Akin
City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk